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ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) AGENDA ITEM 9

REF: DPC/ D(73)(PROVISIONAL DRAFT), REPORT TO MINISTERS BY THE
CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS

BEGIN SUMMARY. MESSAGE PROVIDES BACKGROUND FOR CNAD REPORT TO
MINISTERS AT DPC AND NAC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, JUNE 1973. US
POSITION SHOULD SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CNAD REPORT
WHICH RELFECT THE STRONG US EMPHASIS ON COOPERATION AT RECENT CNAD
MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CNAD, IN ITS REPORT TO MINISTERS ON 8 DECEM-
BER 1972, BRIEFLY OUTLINED STEPS THAT CNAD INTENDED TO TAKE TO
REDIRECT ITS EFFORTS TOWARD ATTAINING MORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF ARMAMENTS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN HIS
REMARKS, PROMISED A MORE ELABORATE REPORT ON THIS MATTER IN THE
SPRING OF 1973. THIS WAS THE FIRST TANGIBLE STEP THAT HAS COME
FROM TWO YEARS OF SELF- CRITICISM OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CNAD
SINCE NOTED BY MINISTERS IN THEIR FIRST REVIEW OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

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OF THE BODY IN DECEMBER 1970. THE CNAD, AT ITS MEETING OF MARCH
1973, REVIEWED ITS PROGRESS, AND WILL REPORT (REFERENCE) THE STATE
OF ITS FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO FIVE ARMAMENTS AREAS OF SPECIAL
CONCERN, AND WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL POLICIES AS THEY AFFECT

COOPERATION IN ARMS DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. MINISTERS WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE ACTION TO FACILITATE PROGRESS IN ATTAINING RESULTS FROM CNAD'S NEW DIRECTION OF EFFORT.

2. ALTHOUGH EXACT PROCEDURES FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE CNAD REPORT TO THE DPC HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, MISSION EXPECTS THE PROCEDURE TO BE SIMILAR TO THAT EMPLOYED FOR THE DECEMBER 1973 MEETINGS OF THE DPC AND THE NAC THE FOLLOWING DAY.

3. BASIC QUESTION IS: WILL MINISTERS ENCOURAGE A PROCESS THAT WILL LEAD TO THEIR BEING ASKED TO COMMIT THEIR NATIONS TO COOPERATIVE PROJECTS THAT MAY OFTEN CONFLICT WITH THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THEIR NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIES?

4. POSITIONS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS ARE NOT KNOWN. HOWEVER, MISSION EXPECTS THAT ALL NATIONS WILL SUPPORT THAT GENERAL APPROACH BEING TAKEN BY CNAD. EUROGROUP NATIONS MAY ADVISE CAUTION IN SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS CONCERNING ARMAMENTS AREAS OF SPECIAL CONCERN BECAUSE THEY MAY FEEL THAT THEY HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO ASSESS THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FINDINGS ON NATIONAL AND EUROGROUP PLANS.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE US SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CNAD REPORT SINCE THE US ARMAMENTS DIRECTOR (DR. JOHN S. FOSTER, DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH & ENGINEERING) HAS BEEN THE LEADER OF THIS NEW DIRECTION OF CNAD EFFORT.

6. COPIES OF THE REFERENCES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ODDR&E. MCAULIFFE

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